

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, George Vandel has been a life-long sportsman whose passion for South Dakota's natural resources and the associated outdoor recreational opportunities they afford our state's citizens is paralleled by few; and,

Whereas, George's affection for and appreciation of South Dakota's natural resources led George to a lengthy and rewarding career with the South Dakota Department of Game, Fish, and Parks, beginning in 1985, wherein he has served as Assistant Director of Technical Services in the Division of Wildlife for 21 years; and,

Whereas, Throughout his career, George has served as a diligent manager of sportsman license dollars, assuring those precious financial resources were effectively used to improve critical habitats, to provide quality public access opportunities, and to provide for sound management and the long-term sustainability of our state's abundant fish and wildlife resources; and,

Whereas, George worked diligently on the Central Flyway Council since 1995 to make certain waterfowl resources were managed in a manner that would sustain populations and provide maximum recreational opportunities to waterfowl enthusiasts; and,

Whereas, George earned the respect of his colleagues across the nation for his insight and perspective on natural resource management, the importance of wildlife habitat, sportsmen thoughts and desires, and his willingness to work with others:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim October 8, 2008, as

GEORGE VANDEL DAY

in South Dakota, and I join his co-workers, family, and friends in congratulating him on this well earned retirement and wishing him a long, healthy, peaceful, and enjoyable retirement, but most importantly, good hunting and fishing!

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Thirtieth Day of September in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Eight.



M. Michael Rounds
M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Ch. Nelson
Chris Nelson, Secretary of State